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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT MARCOS' MESSAGE
OF CONGRATULATIONS

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT
MARCOS' MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON PRESIDENT FORD'S
ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMIT-
MENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
UNQUOTE.

2. FYI PRESIDENT MARCOS' MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 10 AND
RECEIVED IN EA/PHL ON OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AND ON MY OWN, I
WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST
WISHES AS YOU ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF YOUR GREAT NATION.

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OUR TWO PEOPLES AND OUR TWO NATIONS ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY

HISTORICAL TIES OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP THAT HAVE ENABLED US, OVER THE YEARS, TO SHARE COMMON OPPORTUNITIES AND CONFRONT WITH CONFIDENCE ANY AND ALL PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

QUOTE SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY, THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES (SIC) TO BUILD A WORLD WITHOUT WAR, POVERTY, ILLITERACY, DISEASE AND HUMAN EXPLOITATION. TO THIS WE HAVE CONSECRATED ALL OUR LABORS.

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES BEARS A LARGE SHARE OF THIS BURDEN, AND SO, AS YOU COMMIT YOUR PRESIDENCY TO THE FULL ATTAINMENT OF THIS GOAL, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIND IN THE PHILIPPINES, A FIRM AND DEPENDABLE ALLY. PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS UNQUOTE

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE GOP.

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